

TOBACCO INDUSTRY REGULATION

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 5, 1997

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose an agreement that was recently made between the tobacco industry and the FDA. The settlement addresses several issues, including the FDA's authority to regulate tobacco, advertising and promotion, youth access to tobacco products, environmental tobacco smoke, and immunity for the tobacco industry from future law suits.

Mr. Speaker, I am hesitant to enact legislation that will restrict the FDA's authority to regulate tobacco. More importantly, this enactment concerns me because it would give the tobacco industry a bailout from future liability. I cannot support legislation that does not include stringent safeguards aimed at protecting our Nation's youngsters from becoming addicted to nicotine; protecting our children should be our main concern.

I would like to enter into the RECORD a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Chicago, forwarded to me by the Honorable Edward M. Burke from the State of Illinois:

Whereas, The United States Congress will vote on a \$385.5 billion proposed nationwide tobacco accord; and

Whereas, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this event by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

Whereas, Cigarette makers and 40 state attorneys general agreed to a proposed accord aimed at helping to protect young people from the dangers of smoking in June of 1997; and

Whereas, Under the proposed settlement, cigarette companies would pay annual fines of \$80 million for every percentage point that smoking by young people failed to drop below 30 percent over a five-year period, 50 percent over seven years and 60 percent over 10 years; and

Whereas, Annual payments would be capped at \$2 billion under the proposed agreement; and

Whereas, Along with paying penalties for smoking by young people, tobacco companies under the proposal agreed to settle lawsuits by states and smokers and to impose broad restrictions on tobacco advertising; and

Whereas, In return, the plan which requires approval by the United States Congress, would provide the industry protection against certain types of lawsuits and punitive damages; and

Whereas, The members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation must vote on the proposed nationwide tobacco accord; and

Whereas, Critics of the proposed accord, including members of Congress and public health experts, have objected to the proposed settlements as a bailout of an outlaw industry that does not go far enough toward reducing addiction to nicotine; now, therefore

Be it Resolved, That we, the Major and members of the Chicago City Council assembled this tenth day of September, 1997, do hereby call upon the Illinois Congressional Delegation to vote against the proposed nationwide tobacco accord; and

Be it Further Resolved, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.

A TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR (ART) H. COX

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to remember Arthur H. Cox, a man who served his community and his country with unparalleled distinction.

Art began his life of public service in the Air Force during World War II. He continued to serve his country with honor during the Korean war and ultimately retired from the Air Force Reserves as a lieutenant colonel.

For Art, however, public service did not only mean serving one's country; it also meant serving one's community. To that end, Art significantly contributed to the enhancement of all of the communities in which he, his wife, Yvonne, and their six children, Craig, Bryan, John, Dennis, Kevin, and Anne lived.

As a young man, Art was elected the Mayor of the City of Pomona, and served as the youngest mayor in the State of California. His service was distinguished by four successful terms.

While in Southern California, Art also worked tirelessly as the leader of numerous local agencies and organizations. He served as director of the Los Angeles County Sanitation District, director of the Los Angeles County Watershed Commission, president of the Los Angeles Area D Civil Defense, director of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, president of the Pomona Valley Municipal Water District, and chairman of the Pomona Valley Stadium Commission.

After moving to Auburn in 1974, Art continued to be an effective and dedicated community leader. Over the past 20 years, Art served both as mayor and councilman of the city of Auburn, president of the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce, vice chairman of the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee, chairman of the Placer County Office of Education Personnel Commission, and member of the Auburn Faith Community Hospital Board.

Art's contribution to the Auburn business community was also exemplary. He served as executive vice president of Heart Federal Savings and Loan, manager of the Heart of California Corp., and was a real estate, life insurance, and securities broker throughout his business career.

While Art's accomplishments and years of service to his country and community are exceptional, perhaps Art's greatest achievement was fulfilling his role as a husband of 50 years and father to his six children.

Art was always a shining example of community service and family devotion to those blessed to have known him. His integrity, humanity, and stalwart dedication to family, country, and community are rare assets and are worthy of our recognition today.

Last Sunday, surrounded by his loving and devoted family at his home in Auburn, Art Cox passed away. While everyone who knew him is saddened by his death, his spirit and enthusiasm for life will live on with us forever.

Mr. Speaker, as a tribute to Art and his lifetime's worth of accomplishments, I would ask that you join me, our fellow colleagues, and the citizens of Placer County in remembering

Art and extending our heartfelt appreciation for his tireless efforts, unmatched commitment, and impassioned service, toward making his community and country a better place for us all to live.

IN HONOR OF THE 125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN CLANTON, AL

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 5, 1997

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the First Baptist Church in Clanton, AL. For 125 years, the First Baptist Church has offered spiritual guidance to the community of Clanton. The church was organized on November 5, 1872, with Rev. J.A. Mullins and Rev. P.H. Lundy serving as the church's first ministers. From a small beginning of only 10 members, the membership grew to 70 in 1886 and then to 1470 in 1996.

First Baptist Church has made great strides during these 125 years in the spreading of the good news to mankind. The Sunday school has always been a very strong part of the teaching ministry of the church since the first mention of a Sunday school in 1877. Last year, the records show that 959 children and adults were enrolled in Sunday school.

In addition to Sunday school, the Baptist Young People's Union was formed for Sunday night training. Currently, it is known as discipleship training. Whatever the name, the organization has always taught Baptist doctrine, leadership courses, and Bible study. The enrollment was up to 251 in 1996.

Mr. Speaker, let me share with you the ways in which First Baptist Church mission programs have brought the ministry of the church into the community. It was the ladies of the church who began the mission programs by forming Ladies Aid Society, which is now known as the Women's Missionary Union. Recognizing the need for mission study for all ages, Mission Friends, Girl's Auxiliary, and Acteens were also organized. For the men in the congregation, the Brotherhood organization began which sponsors the boys' groups like the Lads, Crusaders, and Challengers.

First Baptist Church also started three missions in the community: the West End Baptist Church in 1948, the Northside Baptist Church in 1954, and Lomax Baptist Church in 1958. All three are now active, growing churches in Clanton.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to its distinguished mission program, the First Baptist Church has always maintained an excellent music program. There are three children's choirs, a youth choir, and an adult sanctuary choir. Programs of special music are performed on many occasions and have included hand bells. In 1995, a church orchestra was formed. Most recently, the outstanding "Living Pictures" was presented in 1997.

Mr. Speaker, First Baptist Church has been very successful in reaching out to the young and old alike. The youth ministry is also a vital program which emphasizes Bible teaching, recreation, retreats, youth camps, youth week, and person soul winning. For the older members of the congregation, the fellowship of the